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SUBJ: FY-74 MAP PROGRAM FOR TURKEY

1. SUMMARY: TGS IS AWARE OF FACT THAT NO FY-74
MAP ORDERS ARE BEING CUT. EMBASSY BELIEVES FY-74 TURKEY
MAP SHOULD CONTINUE ON LIMITED BASIS PENDING CLARIFICATION
OF POPPY ISSUE, AND THAT POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE RETAINED OF
PROVIDING FULL FY-74 MAP PLUS E-W ADD-ON IF CIRCUMSTANCES
JUSTIFY. END SUMMARY

2. ON APRIL 17, WORKING LEVEL TGS OFFICER, THROUGH TGS
LIAISON OFFICER AT JUSMMAT, POSED SERIES OF QUESTIONS
CONCERNING STATUS FY-74 MAP, AS FOLLOWS: "HAVE THERE
BEEN ANY MAP ORDERS FROM FY-74 FUNDS WRITTEN FOR
ARMY, AIR FORCE OR NAVY? IS THERE ANY INFORMATION AS
TO WHEN THE MONEY WILL BE RELEASED? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT
WHEN FUNDS ARE RELEASED, THEY WILL BE EXTENDED TO
JULY 1, 1974?" IN RESPONSE, JUSMMAT OFFICER SAID THAT
EXCEPT FOR EDA AND ITEMS FUNDED UNDER CRA, NO ORDERS HAD
BEEN WRITTEN AGAINST FY-74 FUNDS. AS TO PROSPECTS* HE SAID
THAT STRONG EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
ON THIS POINT AND THAT DECISIONS WERE AWAITED. HE POINTED
OUT THAT FREEZE ON FY-74 MAP ORDERS WAS EUCOM-WIDE AND
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DID NBT APPLY TO TURKEY ALONE. HE SAID THAT IF FUNDS SHOULD

BE OBLIGATED, DEADLINE ON ACTUAL REQUISITIONS COULD BE DEFERRED BEYOND JUNE 30, 1974, IF SECDEF SO DECIDED.

3. FOR REASONS RELATED TO POPPY PROBLEM, EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED MAP SLOW-DOWN. WE UNDERSTAND FREEZE RESULTS FROM UNRELATED CONSIDERATIONS. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT TOTAL FREEZE, FOR WHATEVER REASON, RATHER THAN SLOW-DOWN RECOMMENDED BY US, WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY TURKS AND MAY PRODUCE ADVERSE RESULTS IN CONNECTION WITH POPPY QUESTION.

4. JUSMMAT (IN MESSAGE DTG 051339Z APRIL 1974) SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE FUNDING OF CERTAIN MAP ITEMS, MOST OF WHICH COULD BE DOLED OUT UNDER OUR CONTROL. SUBSEQUENTLY (JUSMMAT MESSAGE DTG 111245Z APRIL 1974), JUSMMAT APPEALED FOR OBLIGATION OF TOTAL PLANNED FY-74 MAP, BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH, AGAIN, U.S. WOULD RETAIN ULTIMATE CONTROL OVER ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS.

5. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TURKEY'S FY-74 MAP COULD BE OBLIGATED BY CUTTING MAP ORDERS NOW, WITH ACTUAL REQUISITIONS (AND THUS FINAL COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO TURKEY) DEFERRED BEYOND JUNE 30. THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO RETAIN FUNDS FOR DISBURSEMENT OR DENIAL AS POPPY SITUATION TAKES CLEARER SHAPE, WHICH MIGHT NOT BE UNTIL AFTER JUNE 30. WE URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GIVE US MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THIS REGARD.

6. WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IT NOW APPEARS POSSIBLE E-W PROBLEM WILL BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. IF TURKEY'S REGULAR FY-74 MAP FALLS SHORT OF AMOUNT ALREADY KNOWN TO TURKS, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE THAM THAT E-W COMMITMENT IS IN FACT ADDITIVE TO REGULAR MAP PROGRAM.

7. FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, AND EVEN WHILE RECOGNIZING OTHER DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING FY-74 MAP ON GLOBAL BASIS, WE URGE THAT NO MEASURES BE TAKEN THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY EXCLUDE OUR PROVIDING TURKEY WITH FULL FY-74 MAP PLUS
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ADDITIVE E-W, IF BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS MAKE THIS ADVISABLE.
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